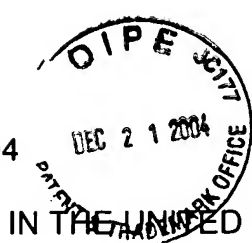


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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 21, 2004, setting forth a 3-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire December 21, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this Amendment.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this Amendment.